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SUBJECT:SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 1: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. ISRAELIS MOVE TO COUNTER OPPOSITION

IN THE FACE OF AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE MEDIA EFFORT
BY OPPOSITION ELEMENTS, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT APPEARS
TO BE MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN TO SELL AN INTERIM AGREEMENT
TO THE PUBLIC. THE GOVERNMENT EFFORT ALSO SEEMS TO BE
AIMED AT ACQUAINTING THE PUBLIC WITH THE POSSIBLE
NECESSITY OF TACKLING THE GOLAN PROBLEM AFTER AN AGREEMENT
WITH EGYPT:

--CHAIRMAN OF THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY
COMMITTEE NAVON, APPEARING ON TELEVISION, PROVIDED THE
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ISRAELI PUBLIC WITH AN EXTENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE
ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE AGREEMENT.

--DEFENSE MINISTER PERES, IN DEFENDING THE MILITARY

ADVANTAGES OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT AS WELL AS DESCRIBING THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAKE AN AGREEMENT POSSIBLE, ALSO NOTED THAT ISRAEL IS PREPARED FOR AND INTERESTED IN AN AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA.

HAARETZ CORRESPONDENT MARGALIT HAS SPECULATED THAT ISRAEL HAS MADE AN ORAL AGREEMENT WITH THE US TO ALLOW CERTAIN "COSMETIC CHANGES" IN THE GOLAN, NOT AS AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA BUT AS A UNILATERAL ISRAELI GESTURE TO REINFORCE THE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE OPPOSITION GROUPS HAVE THUS FAR SEIZED THE INITIATIVE IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR PUBLIC OPINION, IN LARGE PART BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT OPERATING UNDER THE CONSTRAINTS OF PRESERVING CONFIDENTIALITY IN NEGOTIATIONS, THE GOI COUNTERCAMPAIGN IS NOW PICKING UP ITS OWN MOMENTUM.

2. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL

BOTH SOARES AND ROSA, AN ORIGINAL SIGNER OF THE ANTUNES DOCUMENT, HAVE INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE ANTUNES GROUP AND COPCON COMMANDER CARVALHO ON A NEW JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND ON THE NECESSITY FOR REPLACING GONCALVES. IN ADDITION:

--LEFT-LEANING BRIGADER CORVACHO HAS BEEN REPLACED AS COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN MILITARY REGION.

--THE PCP HAS BEEN FORCED TO "POSTPONE" ITS SCHEDULED RALLY IN OPORTO TO PROTEST THE CONTINUING WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE LEFT.

--THE INEFFECTIVE INTERSINDICAL WORK STOPPAGE HAS EMPHASIZED THE INCREASING DIVISION OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT ALONG POLITICAL LINES.

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--ANTI-LEFT VIOLENCE HAS AGAIN FLARED UP IN THE AZORES CAUSING THE MILITARY GOVERNOR TO FLY SEVERAL COMMUNIST LEADERS TO LISBON PENDING STABILIZATION OF THE SITUATION.

ROSA HAS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF US AND EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES TO THE PRESIDENT AND BELIEVES THESE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN PERSUADING HIM TO REPLACE THE PRIME MINISTER.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SACKING OF CORVACHO AND THE "POSTPONEMENT" OF THE OPORTO DEMONSTRATIONS REPRESENT ADDITIONAL SETBACKS TO THE COMMUNISTS WHO FIND THEMSELVES MORE AND MORE IN A POSITION OF REACTING TO EVENTS. ALTHOUGH

RECENT EFFORTS TO RECAPTURE THE INITIATIVE HAVE FIZZLED, IT IS PREMATURE TO COUNT THE COMMUNISTS OUT. THEY STILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT ASSETS AND GONCALVES IS STILL PRIME MINISTER.

3. PRAVDA CHARGES MASSIVE INTERVENTION IN PORTUGAL

AN AUTHORITATIVE "OBSERVER" ARTICLE IN PRAVDA HAS HURLED A BROADLY FOCUSED ACCUSATION AGAINST THE WEST FOR INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGUESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE ARTICLE CHARGES THE EC WITH "OUTRIGHT BLACKMAIL" AND LINKS THE US WITH SEPARATIST GROUPS ON THE AZORES. IN ADDITION, THE ARTICLE:

--ATTACKS THE SOCIALIST PARTY FOR FAILING TO LIVE UP TO PRE-ELECTORAL BARGAINING, EXPLOITING THE POPULARITY OF SOCIALIST SLOGANS IN BAD FAITH, AND ABETTING THE FORCES OF REACTION;

--CALLS FOR "INTERNATIONAL MASS SOLIDARITY" IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND UNITY OF THE AFM, PCP, COMMUNISTS, AND ALL LEFT PROGRESSIVES IN PORTUGAL;

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE AUTHORITATIVE CHARACTER OF THE ARTICLE, ITS EMPHASIS ON OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, AND THE FINAL PLEA FOR UNITY MAY BE SIGNS OF INCREASING SOVIET CONCERN OVER THE DETERIORATION OF THE PCP
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SITUATION. THE SOVIETS MAY BE PREPARING AN EXPLANATION FOR A COLLAPSE, WITH THE SOCIALISTS AND THE WEST AS HEAVIES BUT WITH SOME BLAME FOR THE PCP AS WELL.

4. ANGOLA: MPLA SUSPECTS THE US IS SUPPLYING FNLA

CHIEF OF INFORMATION SERVICES, ALMEIDA, TOLD CONSUL GENERAL KILLORAN THE MPLA IS CONVINCED THE US IS SUPPLYING THE FNLA THROUGH ZAIRE. THE MPLA CLAIMS:

--PRESIDENT MOBUTU DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO PROVIDE FNLA WITH THE QUANTITY OF ASSISTANCE FNLA IS RECEIVING.

--EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HAVE TOLD THE MPLA OF AN AIR SUPPLY BRIDGE FROM GERMANY TO ZAIRE AND THENCE TO ANGOLA.

THE MPLA ALSO FINDS IT EXCEEDINGLY STRANGE THAT THE US AND EUROPEAN PRESS ARE SO UNIFORM IN THEIR PORTRAYAL OF THE MPLA AS MARXIST ORIENTED. ALMEIDA ADDED THAT NOW THAT THE US IS SUPPLYING THE FNLA, NO ONE SHOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT

SOVIET AID TO THE MPLA.

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THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN HANOI HAS CONFIDED TO EMBASSY VIENTIANE THAT THE PRG MAY BE WILLING TO ALLOW ALL FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING THE MISSIONARIES CAPTURED AT BAN ME THUOT, TO LEAVE VIETNAM. HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICIAL AMERICANS BUT FELT IT POSSIBLE THE PRG WOULD PLACE CONDITIONS ON THE RELEASE OF USAID OFFICER STRUHARIK. HE ALSO REQUESTED A US REACTION TO AN IDEA OF PROPOSING TO THE PRG THE EARLY REPATRIATION OF THE 13 DRUGGED VIETNAMESE AS A MEANS OF SPEEDING UP REPATRIATION IN GENERAL.

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DESPITE WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT FRANCO MAY ASK PRIME MINISTER ARIAS TO STEP DOWN, EMBASSY MADRID BELIEVES HIS RETENTION IS LIKELY. A SOURCE IN ARIAS' INNER OFFICE NOTES:

--FRANCO'S RETURN TO GOOD HEALTH AND FIRM CONTROL COUPLED WITH EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, HAVE ALREADY SERVED TO ATTENUATE ARIAS' LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM.

--ARIAS ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE RAPPORT WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS AT HELSINKI AND HIS REMOVAL WOULD DAMAGE PROSPECTS FOR GREATER EUROPEAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGIME.

--FRANCO HAS ALREADY PASSED UP OPPORTUNITIES TO REPLACE ARIAS AND MAY, NOW THAT HE AGAIN HAS POLICY FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL, BE MORE INTERESTED IN KEEPING PERSONALITIES IN BALANCE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: HAVING ALREADY INSTALLED NATIONAL MOVEMENT LEADER SOLIS, POSTPONED THE CORTES ELECTIONS, AND BEING ABOUT TO EMBARK ON TOUGH LEGAL MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM, FRANCO MAY FIND ARIAS A USEFUL BALANCING DEVICE AND ONE THAT SATISFIES HIS OFT EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR CONTINUITY IN THE PRIME MINISTRY. ADDITIONALLY, ARIAS' RETENTION PROVIDES A PUBLIC COUNTER TO CRITICISM OF THESE OTHER RESTRICTIVE MOVES.

7. CHILE: MILITARY TO ENLIST CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE?

EX-PRESIDENT FREI TOLD AMBASSADOR POPPER THAT HE BELIEVES

THE MILITARY WILL ATTEMPT PERUVIAN-STYLE POPULIST MEASURES TO COUNTER CHILE'S DEPRESSED ECONOMY. WHEN THEY FAIL, THE MILITARY WILL HAVE TO TURN TO CIVILIANS FOR ASSISTANCE. ALSO;

--WHEN THE CIVILIANS ARE CALLED IN, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (PDC) WILL SEEK TO FORM A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT WHICH INCLUDES THE MILITARY.

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--THE JUNTA'S CURRENT SUCCESS IN WEAKENING PDC INFLUENCE IN THE TRADE UNIONS WILL ULTIMATELY BENEFIT THE COMMUNISTS.

--US AND CHILEAN VIEWS OF EACH OTHER ARE EQUALLY DISTORTED--A MISTAKEN VIEW OF ALLENDE HAS CAUSED MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE ROOTS OF THE CURRENT CRISES, WHILE CHILEAN RIGHTISTS BELIEVE A CORRUPTED AMERICA HAS ALLOWED DETENTE TO WEAKEN ITS WILL TO COMBAT COMMUNISM.

FREI BELIEVES THE US SHOULD CONTINUE ECONOMIC AID TO CHILE, AND CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR ITS DISAPPROVAL OF CHILE'S ANTI-DEMOCRATIC STANCE UNQUOTE MAW

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